

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 12, 2014 Meeting
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Jeffrey MacMann, Anthony Del Gaizo, Lt. John Kraemer, Robert Meltzer, Richard Merson, Donna Mullin, Mark Rosen, and Glen Schneider,.

Technical Advisor: Bob Wilson.

Guests: Rhonda Altman, Moe Handel, Kathy Lesanto, and Gary Lesanto.

Call to Order

The meeting was convened at 7:02 PM by Mr. MacMann.

I. Petition for Signage on Horace Street.

A signed petition to place “slow, children at play” signs on Horace Street was submitted to the Committee. This petition was circulated following a discussion of such signage during the October 9, 2013, Committee meeting. The petition, which was approved unanimously by all residents on the street, allows, by its own terms, the Town to place signage anywhere on the street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lesanto, of number 5 Horace Street, agree that speeding is a concern for neighborhood children, especially when vehicles are parked on the road. They are concerned with signage in front of their house from an aesthetic standpoint, but otherwise take no position on the implementation of signage. Further, many vehicles cut down Roscoe Street and then turn onto Horace Street; thus, a sign in front of number 5 would have no impact on these drivers.

The Committee passed a motion to install a “children playing” sign between numbers 27 and 33 Horace Street.

II. Parking Space on Highland Avenue near Supercuts/Bertucci’s Plaza.

Mr. Handel brought to the Committee’s attention his concern for vehicles attempting to leave the Supercuts/Bertucci’s plaza on Highland Avenue due to the position of the southernmost street parking spot on the western side of Highland Avenue between the entrance and exit of this plaza. In particular, when a vehicle is parked in this parking space, vehicles exiting the plaza cannot see oncoming traffic, and traffic heading south on Highland Avenue cannot see these exiting vehicles. **The Committee passed a motion** to eliminate the street parking spot by painting over it with a triangle and cross-hatching it.

III. Intersection, Signage on Mellen Street.

Ms. Altman brought to the Committee’s attention her concern for the crowded area on Mellen Street between Highland Avenue and the entrances to the Trader Joe’s parking lot and the Kindercare/Citi Bank parking lot. In particular, this stretch can be dangerous when cars are parked on both sides of Mellen Street and vehicles are attempting to turn onto Mellen Street or into the parking lots whilst others are lined up at the stop sign to turn onto Highland Avenue. In

addition, vehicles park right up to the entrances to the parking lots and to the intersection of Highland Avenue, further exacerbating the situation for vehicles attempting to make turns. The Committee and Ms. Altman discussed the possibilities of installing “no parking here to corner” signs twenty feet from the intersection and/or prohibiting parking on one side of the road. **The Committee passed a motion** to install “no parking here to corner” signs twenty feet from Highland Avenue on both the north and south sides of Mellen Street.

IV. Other Business

- **The Committee passed a motion** to approve an all-night parking permit for two vehicles at 65 Beaufort Avenue.
- Mr. Merson distributed a report and recommendation on crossing guard safety co-published by the Commonwealth’s Department of Labor Standards and the Department of Public Health. Also made available was the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization’s TransReport for March/April 2014.
- Mr. Merson informed the Committee that the Streetscape Committee presented its report to the Board of Selectmen, and that a meeting is pending. The report is posted on the Town’s website.
- **The Committee passed a motion** to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2014 meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Minutes compiled and summarized by Robert Meltzer.